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## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 30TH, 1909.

A VERY satisfactory defence seems to have  
been made by the Japanese Government to  
the allegation contained in a recent official  
report to Washington by Mr. F. D. CLOUD,  
who until quite lately was the American  
consular representative at Mukden. Mr.  
CLOUD's statements suggested that Japanese  
goods are being smuggled in enormous  
quantities into Manchuria from the leased  
territory of Kwantung, and that the trade  
of other foreign merchants in Korea is  
greatly handicapped on this account. It  
is confusing to have two large tracts of  
territory in China bearing the same name,  
and it may be well to state that the Kwan-  
tung mentioned in this article is not the  
neighbouring province, of which Canton is  
the capital, but that part of Manchuria  
leased to Japan. The Consul quoted statistics  
from the Chinese Customs returns for  
1908 to support the view he adopts, that  
extensive smuggling is being practised by the  
Japanese. Thus, we are told that these  
returns show the total value of goods  
directly imported from foreign countries  
into Manchuria at Dairen in 1908 was Tls.  
17,205,936. Of this amount goods to the  
value of Tls. 4,645,079 only found their way  
into the interior by rail, and it follows  
that 12,570,857 mels' worth ostensibly  
remained within the boundaries of the leased

territory of Kwantung. Mr. CLOUD, how-  
ever, infers from the sparsity of the popula-  
tion of that territory, that all these  
goods could not possibly have been needed  
for Kwantung; and that, therefore, the  
greater portion of them must have been  
smuggled from Kwantung into the interior  
of Manchuria by rail. The Consul  
surely could scarcely have realised the  
gravity of the attack he was making, all too  
recklessly, on the honesty and good faith of  
the Government of Japan, or he would have  
been careful to make sure that his damaging  
inference was a perfectly sound one. He,  
however, appears to have taken no pains  
whatever to examine his conclusions. The  
Foreign Office in Tokyo, in a communique to  
the Press, shows conclusively that Mr.  
CLOUD's deductions from the Customs totals  
are entirely fallacious. There were sound  
reasons apparently why only one-fourth of  
the goods imported at Dairen should have  
passed over the borders of Kwantung into  
the interior of Manchuria. Mr. CLOUD's  
report overlooked the fact that upwards of  
70 per cent. of the imports consisted of  
railway material, industrial machinery and  
building material. Practically the whole  
of this was needed in the leased territory of  
Kwantung, and the interesting note is added  
that 99 per cent. of the Railway Company's  
requirements (reaching in value 12,000,000  
taels) came from America. There is little or  
no industrial enterprise at present outside  
the territory leased to Japan, and though  
the population is small in comparison  
with that for the whole province of  
Manchuria, the industrial developments  
and the railway conversions and  
double tracking which have been taking  
place would seem to fully account for three-  
fourths of the imports (judged by their  
value) being consumed in this comparatively  
small part of the province. If smuggling  
of the kind suggested in the Consul's  
report had really been taking place, some  
support for the contention might be looked  
for in the imports from other countries,  
which are presumed to have suffered.  
Foreign goods for the interior of Man-  
churia pass usually through Newchwang,  
and last year, when all this enormous smug-  
gling was assumed to have taken place, we  
find that the imports at Newchwang showed  
an increase of 50 per cent. over the returns  
of the previous year. There is therefore no  
substantial support for Mr. CLOUD's sug-  
gestions of Japanese smuggling on a very  
extensive scale, and the significance of the  
Customs statistics noted by the Consul is  
shown to have a very simple and apparently  
a quite satisfactory explanation.

H.M.S. Kent left Singapore for Hongkong  
on Tuesday.

The English Mail of the 27th November was  
delivered in London on the 28th inst.

The Japanese Consulate has removed into  
Messrs. Arnold, Karberg and Co.'s Building.

We regret to learn that Mr. Frank Smyth,  
who is at home on holiday, has had the misfor-  
tune to break his leg while skating.

A large launch will leave Kowloon Police  
Pier at 8.50 p.m. on Friday to convey guests to  
the dance on board the Tamar.

A Japanese company has been formed to  
work mica mines in Korea. Mica has only  
recently been discovered in Korea.

Mr. S. Bizey, 4, Peak Road, reports to the  
police that he left on the first seat in Bowen  
Road a rhinoceros horn walking stick valued  
at £5.

Two Japanese were at the Magistracy fined  
\$100 each or undergo six weeks' imprisonment  
for having stowed away on the U.S. Prinz  
Sigismund.

The Commander-in-Chief, the Captain and  
Officers of H.M.S. King Alfred have decided to  
give a dance in the City Hall on Monday,  
February 14th. The cruiser leaves for home at  
the end of February.

The hearing of the charge under the  
Bankruptcy Ordinance against Moosa Ebrahim,  
an Indian draper, was continued at the  
Magistracy yesterday before Mr. E. R. Hallifax.  
Documentary evidence was given and the case  
again remanded.

The Hon. Mr. Hazeland sat at the Magistracy  
yesterday to resume the hearing of the charges  
against certain Chinese merchants of having  
infringed certain trade-marks with respect to  
pills. The case has been pending for months  
and was again remanded.

For selling opium which purported to be the  
Opium Farmer's and bore labels identical to his  
a respectable Chinese was at the Magis-  
tracy yesterday ordered to pay a fine of \$250 or  
go to prison for three months. Mr. Hogarth,  
the chief justice officer, caught the defendant in  
the act of selling the opium.

A Rifle League has just been formed in  
Hongkong. Mr. M. S. Northcote has been ap-  
pointed hon. secretary, and the subscription has  
been fixed at \$10 per annum. The rules of the  
League are now in print, and may be obtained  
shortly from the hon. secretary. The Committee  
hope to raise sufficient funds for a trophy.

The Austrian cruiser Kaiserin Elisabeth  
arrived in port yesterday.

The profit earned by the South Manchurian  
Railway during the half-year ended September  
30th was yen 1,685,566.

This year's output of beans in Manchuria is  
estimated as being worth ¥100,000,000.  
About 40 per cent. of the output is taken by  
the bean-oil mills, and the rest exported.

Thirteen goldsmiths and a woman were  
arrested by the police at Circular Pathway on  
Tuesday night for gambling. At the Magis-  
tracy yesterday the three men were fined \$30  
each and the remainder \$3 each.

We have received copies of the programme  
for the annual race meeting which takes place  
at Happy Valley on February 15th, 16th and  
17th. There are, as usual, ten races each day.  
The training is now in progress and entries  
close on the 15th prox.

The Bishops who assisted the Archbishop of  
Canterbury in the consecration of the four  
new Eastern bishops early this month at West-  
minster Abbey were the Bishops of London,  
Southwell, Lichfield, Birmingham, Liverpool,  
Stafford, Jarrow, and Bishops Montgomery,  
Evington, Elyon, and Corio.

The Kowloon Cricket Club announce the  
usual Children's Sports at King's Park, Kow-  
loon, on New Year's Day and give an open  
invitation to the children of the Colony and  
their parents. This is the fifth year in suc-  
cession that the Club has arranged for Child-  
ren's Sports, and the event grows more popular  
every year. H. E. the Governor has kindly  
promised to attend and present the prizes to  
the winners in the races.

The fine steam yacht Isolda, belonging to  
Commodore Morton F. Plant, is on her way to  
an extended trip in Eastern waters, having  
left Southampton on November 20th. The yacht  
is proceeding via Gibraltar to the Mediterranean,  
calling afterwards at Colombo, Calcutta, Ban-  
gkok, Penang, Singapore, the Dutch East  
Indies, Borneo, the Philippines, Hongkong,  
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Moji and Kobe. On the  
return journey she will also call at Singapore.

Before Commander Basil R. H. Taylor, B.N.,  
at the Marine Magistrate's Court yesterday,  
Captain Downes, master of the sailing ship  
Jupiter, charged B. Franklin and J. J.  
Edwards, seamen, with wilfully disobeying  
lawful commands. On hearing the evidence his  
Worship considered the charges proved, and  
sentenced each of the defendants to imprison-  
ment for seven days with hard labour, or until  
the ship sailed, and ordered each to forfeit two  
days' pay.

The five principal cement companies of Japan  
and some of the minor ones are reported to have  
concluded arrangements for forming a trust,  
so as to reduce their business, if possible, from  
its depressed condition. The cessation of new  
industrial enterprises has hit the cement com-  
panies hardest of all, not only because the  
demand for their product has been lessened, but  
also because its price has fallen. They are said  
to be now planning to increase their exports to  
Australia and Vladivostok.

By kind permission of Major H. C. B.  
Dunn and Officers the Band of the 105th  
Maharatta Light Infantry will play the follow-  
ing programme of music at the King Edward  
Hotel during dinner to-morrow (weather  
permitting):  
Preludes: War March from "Athalia," M. de Loe-  
caprie, "Echo des Bouteins," "Kling  
1700 Step," "Arta Wannah," "Morse  
Selection," "King of Cadogan," "Jama  
Valse," "The Barcarolle," "Kee-  
Sketch," "Down South," "Myddleton  
Selection," "Earl and the Girl," "Jeryl  
"Reminiscence of Scotland," "Godfrey  
God Save the King.

The Washington correspondent of the Times  
says of Mr. William J. Calhoun, the new  
American Minister to China:—Mr. Calhoun  
has not previously held any post in the  
Diplomatic Service, but this has not been for  
lack of offers. He has represented the State  
Department as a special agent abroad in several  
difficult and important negotiations, notably in  
those concerning the American claims against  
Venezuela. His careful examination of these  
claims provided a basis for the settlement which  
was subsequently concluded. Mr. McKinley  
and Mr. John Hay, his Secretary of State, had  
a high opinion of Mr. Calhoun.

Two men were charged in the Mixed Court  
at Shanghai last week with stealing about  
\$9,000 worth of silk from various godowns,  
and it appeared that before they could be cap-  
tured the Municipal Police had had to trace  
them through Chinkiang, Nanking, and other  
large cities. They were alleged to belong to a  
gang which was engaged in plundering godowns  
in the Settlement, and it is believed that they  
have been in the habit of smuggling the stolen  
property to Chinkiang and thence to Nanking,  
where they sold it to a shopkeeper. The case  
was remanded, the Magistrate stating that  
he would apply to the authorities to have the  
shopkeeper at Nanking brought before the Court.

Japan papers publish a rumour that the  
Toyo Kisen Kaisha will separate from the  
Pacific Mail Company. In the sequel of  
several visits to Japan by Mr. Avery, General  
Manager of the Toyo Kisen Kaisha, the  
directors of the Company it is said have tacitly  
agreed to withdraw from co-operation with the  
Pacific Mail Company. Another proposition  
which is said to have been advanced is that of  
cutting out Honolulu as a point of call for  
Japanese steamers and making the straight run  
between Yokohama and San Francisco on a ten-  
day schedule. The average cargo which the  
T.K.K. steamers have been taking from  
Oriental ports to Honolulu has amounted to  
about 1,200 tons a trip, but it is asserted that  
this quantity of cargo could easily be secured in  
goods destined for American consignees.

## TELEGRAMS.

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## MR. BALFOUR.

LONDON, December 29th.

Mr. Balfour has completely re-  
covered from his recent indisposition.

SEIZURE OF CONFIDENTIAL  
NAVAL PLANS.

LONDON, December 29th.

The arrest of a draftsman named  
Knowlden, belonging to the torpedo  
school ship "Vernon" at Portsmouth,  
led to the seizure at his house of  
eighty drawings and plans of the most  
confidential nature, the possession of  
which would have revealed to anyone  
the results of the whole labour done  
in perfecting wireless telegraphy for  
the British Navy.

Five shipbuilding plans were in-  
cluded in the drawings seized.

## A BIG CITY OF PARIS LOAN.

LONDON, December 28th.

The French Chamber of Deputies  
has authorised a City of Paris loan  
for £36,000,000 sterling for the  
embellishment of the City and sanitary  
improvements.

NEW YEAR SERVICES AT THE  
CHURCHES.

On Friday evening, December 31st, there  
will be a Watch Night Service in St. John's  
Cathedral, commencing at 11.15 p.m. The  
hymns sung will be Nos. 165, 288 and 74,  
and an address will be given by the Bishop of  
Victoria. For the benefit of those who wish  
to attend there will be special trams to and  
from the Peak at 11 p.m. and 12.15 a.m.

On the following morning, January 1st,  
the Festival of the Circumcision and New  
Year's Day, there will be a celebration of the  
Holy Communion in the Cathedral at 8 a.m.

The Roman Catholic Cathedral is thrown  
open from daybreak till 6 p.m. to-day, to-morrow  
and on New Year's Day. There will be exposit-  
ion of the Holy Sacrament each day, and in the  
evenings sermons preached by the Rev.  
Rector of the Cathedral, concluding with the  
Benediction of the Holy Sacrament. To-morrow  
evening after 5 o'clock a solemn Te Deum will  
be sung, his Lordship the Bishop officiating  
assisted by the full clergy and seminarians. On  
New Year's Day a High Pontifical Mass will be  
officiated by the Bishop, assisted by the Rev.  
Fr. F. Norval, a deacon and a sub-deacon, at 8  
o'clock in the morning, and in the evening  
solemn vespers, sermon and Benediction, con-  
cluding with the singing of the "Adeste fideles"  
by the choir of St. Joseph's College.

## "FACING THE MUSIC."

Last night the Bandman No. 1 Comedy Co.  
presented that old favourite "Facing the  
Music" to a large audience in the theatre royal.  
The play, which is really a series of misunder-  
standings placing the principals in awkward  
and amusing predicaments, is one which, by the  
numerous laughs it creates, should always find  
favour with the theatre-going public. Mr.  
Henry Dallas, as "the other Mr. Smith," and  
Mr. Harry Neville, as "the Rev. Smith,"  
together with Miss Lillian Dundas as  
"Mabel" and Miss Blanche Forsythe as  
"Nora," filled the principal roles with con-  
siderable success, and kept the audience in fitful  
laughter during their tenure of the boards. The  
other members of the Company cleverly inter-  
preted their parts, and with the dropping of the  
curtain another success was established by this  
popular troupe.

The Company terminate their short stay here  
to-night when "A Pair of Spectacles" will be  
staged.

## SHANGHAI TRADE.

Messrs. Noel, Murray & Co.'s Report on the  
Shanghai Piece Goods Trade says:—  
For the quietness of the market at the close,  
this year is positively going to break the record.  
There is a certain amount of inquiry it is true,  
but there is an almost entire absence of actual  
business going through. The stringency of the  
native money market, although interest is not  
very high, is greatly hampering business, as  
would-be buyers cannot get the wherewithal to  
comply with the terms most holders are stipu-  
lating for, namely, prompt cash. There are  
plenty who are willing to put goods in the lock  
for two months' delivery if they can be  
bought at current rates, or some such  
outrageous prices, but Importers prefer  
taking the risk of the market themselves  
in view of the prospective short supplies.  
It is thought in some quarters that about the  
middle of next month, when holders may be  
more inclined to give delivery after China New  
Year-festivals will be on a fair way to  
it is becoming very plain that the stocks of  
suitable goods both here and in the country are  
fast dwindling down.

The River markets are extremely quiet this  
year, although they have usually shown con-  
siderable activity after the closing of the  
Northern Ports. Some of the dealers say  
it is on account of the damage done in the  
country by the floods during the Autumn. We  
have not heard any more about Ningpo, but  
the poor clearance for the port would seem to  
fully confirm the bad reports we mentioned  
recently.

## COMPANY MEETING.

## CAMPBELL, MOORE &amp; CO.

The annual meeting of shareholders in the  
above company was held at the offices, 14, Des  
Vaux Road, yesterday at noon. Mr. F. Ellis,  
general manager, presided, and the others  
present were Messrs. Bishop, Messrs. A. F. Arculli,  
A. R. Ellis, V. P. Musso, and C. A. da Rosa.

The notice convening the meeting having  
been read,  
The CHAIRMAN said:—Gentlemen,—With  
your permission I will adopt the usual course  
and consider the report and statement of  
accounts at present in your hands as read. I  
regret to have to place before you these accounts  
showing such a large loss, which after wiping off  
your reserve will still take away another 3,000 odd  
dollars from your capital. This adverse state of  
affairs is explained by the fact that your stock  
stood at a very large figure. The quantity  
of the various articles was by the gross whereas  
the sales being small the goods had to be  
carried over from year to year, without any  
provision being made for depreciation. The  
time has now arrived when drastic measures  
have to be taken with reference to the valuation  
of the stock, which coupled with the heavy cost  
of moving from the Hongkong Hotel premises  
to the present store and cost of altera-  
tions which were borne by your company, and  
a sum amounting to about \$800, which  
had to be written off as bad debts, are the  
principal causes which go to explain the  
adverse report now before you. The amount to  
be written off as bad debts cover a period from  
1905/1907, for which no provision had been made  
when the company was earning large profits and  
paying huge dividends. The value of your  
stock, which stood at \$9,115.91 on the 30th June,  
I may mention for your information, was  
arrived at by me with the co-operation of  
Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews' repre-  
sentative, who have also prepared the accounts.  
Staff—Your staff is composed at present of  
better men than in former years, in spite of  
which I am glad to state the pay list is less by  
over \$200 a month. Gentlemen's Saloon—The  
saloon, which is second to none in the Colony, is  
giving every satisfaction as is proved by the  
increasing number of subscribers. The sub-  
scriptions are larger by about \$100 per month  
than in the corresponding period of last year.  
Ladies' Saloon—The orders which arrive daily  
and the attendance is much greater than in the  
previous years. The saloon is largely patronised,  
a fact which goes to show that it is also second  
to none in the Colony. Wigwagging, etc.—  
This department has also benefited with the  
others, and order is for wigs, etc., is better than  
last year. The attendance of the staff during  
various theatrical performances held during  
the year gave entire satisfaction. Gentlemen,  
I have nothing further to say beyond express-  
ing my firm conviction that the affairs of your  
company are improving and that when you are  
next assembled here again I shall be in the  
position of requesting you to pass a statement  
of accounts with the balance on the right side.  
Should there be any questions you would like to  
ask, I will answer them to the best of my  
ability.

There being no questions the report and  
statement of accounts was adopted on the  
motion of the CHAIRMAN, seconded by  
Mr. Musso.

Mr. ARCELLI proposed and Mr. A. R. ELLIS  
seconded the re-election of Mr. A. O'D.  
Gourdin as auditor, which was carried.

Mr. ARCELLI—I propose a vote of thanks to  
the Chairman for presiding and for the  
encouraging report he has given us.

Mr. MUSO—I second that.

The CHAIRMAN—I thank you for your  
kind remarks and attendance. That is all the  
business.

The report was as follows:—  
Gentlemen,—The General Manager begs to  
submit the accompanying Profit and Loss Ac-  
count for the 18 months ended 30th June, 1909,  
and also Balance Sheet at 30th June, 1909, show-  
ing a loss for the period of \$7,233.47. This  
adverse result in the working of the period is  
attributed to general trade depression in the  
Colony, and to the drastic measures adopted in  
writing down the value of the stock. Owing to  
illness the General Manager was unable to take  
stock at 31st December, 1908, and, under the  
circumstances, it was decided to leave this over  
to the 30th June, 1909, at which date the stock  
was duly taken. The accounts therefore cover  
a period of 18 months. Mr. A. O'D. Gourdin  
has audited the accounts now presented and  
offers himself for re-election.—F. ELLIS,  
General Manager.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1909.

## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

For the 18 months ended 30th June, 1909.  
To balance from working a/c ... \$5,293.56  
To exchange ... 174.83  
To insurance ... 148.96  
To bad debts written off ... 737.75  
Less recovered ... 153.65

To audit fees ... 584.10  
To depreciation—On furniture and  
fixtures ... 122.84  
To interest on deposits ... 9.18

By balance, loss for the 18 months  
transferred to balance sheet ... \$7,233.47

\$7,233.47

## BALANCE SHEET AT 30TH JUNE, 1909.

LIABILITIES.  
Dr.  
Capital—1,200 shares of \$10 each fully  
paid up ... \$12,000.00  
Sundry creditors—On gen-  
eral account ... 83,058.00  
Loans ... 3,250.00

Reserve account, as per last  
balance sheet ... 9,000.00  
Transferred to profit and  
loss account per contra ... 9,000.00

\$18,308.00

## ASSETS.

Cr.  
Sundry debtors ... \$5,000.16  
Less bad debts written off ... 737.75

Stock—valued at ... \$2,262.41  
Furniture, fixtures and fittings  
As per last balance sheet ... 511.65  
Less depreciation ... 122.84

Additions during the 18  
months ... 1,320.19

Payments in Advance—In-  
surance premium ... \$ 63.50  
Employees' outwards passages 598.04

Cash—In general manager's  
hands ... 8510.14  
With Chartered Bank of In-  
dia, Australia and China 329.98

Profit and loss account ... \$4,885.55  
Add unprovided for liability  
at 13/12/07 ... 600.00

Adjusted—loss to 31/12/07 \$5,485.55  
Loss for the 18 months ended  
30th June, 1909, per Profit  
and Loss Account ... 7,233.47

Deduct reserve account per  
contra ... 9,000.00

\$719.02

\$18,308.00

## ROBBERIES.

The police were yesterday morning informed  
that at 5.30 four men wearing soft felt hats  
which were drawn down over their foreheads  
entered a house at Yau-mati and gagged and  
bound a woman and stole from the house a quan-  
tity of clothing and some jewellery.

A curious robbery is reported from Ping  
Shan, near Deep Bay. While a Chinese was  
riding a donkey he was accosted by two men  
who produced a dagger and called upon him to  
stop upon pain of being stabbed. However, he  
ran away, but he found he had lost from the  
pocket of his riding jacket a purse containing  
\$85 and some medicine.

A highway robbery at Tsamtsipo was  
reported to the police yesterday. On Tuesday  
while two men were walking from Lai-chikok  
Brewery to Sento they were attacked by two  
men, one of whom was armed with a knife. The  
robbers threw one man to the ground and  
stabbed him near the heart. They also stole a  
bundle, the contents of which are unknown.  
One of the robbers has been arrested.

A CARGO LANDING DISPUTE  
AT KOBE.

The Japan Chronicle translates the text of a  
judgment delivered in favour of the Tokyo  
Marine Insurance Company, in a claim brought  
by the Company, against Messrs. C. Nickel &  
Co., Ltd., Kobe, for damages to the extent of  
¥3,073.08, the amount awarded by the judg-  
ment being ¥2,900.

Plaintiffs claimed that in July, 1908, the  
defendant firm, in the ordinary course of its stev-  
erage business discharged from the steamer  
Moyone into a lighter some playing-machines  
purchased by the Mitsui Bishi Shipbuilding  
Yard, and it was alleged, owing to negligence  
on the part of the defendant firm, the machinery  
in question was damaged in the process.  
The plaintiffs had issued a policy insuring the  
machinery, and had to pay the sum of ¥3,200  
for the damage sustained, in addition to ¥120  
for the detention of the lighter and ¥23.08 for  
inspection of the damage—¥3,543.08 in all. Of  
the sum ¥270 was afterwards recovered by the  
plaintiffs by disposing of the damaged machin-  
ery, so that the total loss suffered by the plain-  
tiff company was ¥3,073.08.

Judgment was given in favour of plaintiffs  
for ¥2,900 as stated, the claim for the balance  
being dismissed. In giving reasons for the  
decision the Court observes that the defend-  
ants discharged the machinery in dispute  
from the steamer Moyone in Kobe and con-  
veyed it ashore in lighters. Defendants pleaded  
that they carried out the work merely in the  
capacity of employees of the steamship owners.  
But, referring to the evidence of Mr. F. W.  
Crimble, and exhibit No. 34 (a bill addressed to  
the Tokyo Boko Kaisha by Messrs. Nickel &  
Company), it is quite clear that the defendant  
firm demanded lighterage and lighter demurrage  
directly from the consignees of the cargo.  
From this it must be concluded that defend-  
ants, in complying with the request of the  
owners of the steamer, must have discharged the  
goods from the vessel in the capacity of stev-  
erage. The Court cannot therefore adopt the  
view of defendants that they were simply the  
agents or employees of the owners.

On the question as to whether defendants  
were responsible as stevedores for the damage  
caused to the goods, defendants contended that  
the damage was due to a flaw in the casting of  
the machinery itself, but from the evidence  
supplied by specialists in the Sumitomo Iron  
Works, the Osaka Ship Investigation Station,  
and the Kawasaki Shipbuilding Yard, who  
personally inspected the damaged goods and  
were later called as witnesses, the Court finds  
that such flaw did not exist. In view of  
defendants' admission that the machinery  
was damaged after being discharged into the  
lighter, it was essential for them, if  
they desired to escape responsibility for the  
damage, to prove that they or their employees  
had not neglected to take proper care, accord-  
ing to Article 337 of the Commercial Code. The  
Court finds that the evidence given by defen-  
dants in this connection was insufficient to free  
them from the allegation of negligence and  
therefore they must be held responsible for re-  
imbursement to the plaintiffs. The Court  
further observes







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## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

## NOTICE.

THE Undersigned will not be Responsible for any Debt contracted by his wife, ELIZA MARIA FERNANDEZ.

M. A. FERNANDEZ.

Hongkong, 30th December, 1909. [1573]

## TO-LET.

A BRIGHT AIRY ROOM suitable for Office or for a single gentleman. Enquire at Chinese Central Y.M.C.A. Hongkong, 30th December, 1909. [1577]

## WANTED.

BY Married Couple, per 1st February or 1st March, Four or Five-Roomed FURNISHED HOUSE or Bungalow, Rent Moderate. Bowen Road level preferred. Replies, stating terms to—H. V. D. Office. Hongkong, 30th December, 1909. [1574]

ESTATE OF THE LATE GEORGE PADGETT TAYLOR, OF TAIHOKU, FORMOSA.

LETTERS of Administration of the Estate of the late GEORGE PADGETT TAYLOR, of Taihoku, Formosa, who died December 17th, 1909, having been issued to the undersigned, it is requested that Particulars of all Claims against or Debts due to the said Estate be in by February 28th, 1910.

A. R. FIRTH, Acting British-Consul, Tamsui.

Tamsui, 22nd December, 1909. [1575]

## NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Partnership heretofore subsisting between us, the Undersigned A. W. PURNELL and C. S. PAGET, carrying on the Business of Architects and Civil Engineers at Canton in the Empire of China under the Style or Firm of PURNELL and PAGET, will on the 31st (thirty-first) day of December, 1909 (one thousand nine hundred and nine), be Dissolved by mutual consent. All debts due to or owing by the late Firm will be received and paid by the Undersigned C. S. PAGET, by whom the Business will in future be carried on.

Dated this 28th day of December, 1909.

ARTHUR WILLIAM PURNELL.

CHARLES SOUDERS PAGET.

[1576]

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship "KUMSANG" having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 p.m. on the 31st inst. will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd. General Managers.

Hongkong, 29th December, 1909. [16]

## BEKANTMACHUNG.

DIE antilichen Veröffentlichungen des Konsulats Fakhri-Hohow werden im Jahr 1910 durch den "OSTASIATISCHEN LLOYD" und "THE HONGKONG DAILY PRESS" erfolgen.

KAISERLICH DEUTSCHES KONSULAT.

Fakhri, den 24. Dezember 1909. [1568]

EXCURSION TO MACAO.

ON EVERY SUNDAY, THE S.S. "ON LEF," WILL depart from PING ON WHARF, near Western New Market, at 9 A.M., returning from Macao at 5 P.M.

1st Cabin (Single Fare)	\$1.20
Saloon	.80
2nd Cabin	.50
Children under 12 years Half Price.	

Hongkong, 17th December, 1909. [1531]

## PABST EXTRACT

THE best TONIC for keeping in perfect health in the Tropics.

It is a Liquid Food in predigested form containing all the bracing, soothing and toning effects of the choicest hops. Nearly Non-alcoholic. Highly recommended by the local medical profession in Cases of DEBILITY after MALARIA, from OVERWORK or other causes. ANEMIA, NERVOUSNESS or DYSPEPSIA. Samples on Application.

ALSO JUST RECEIVED: PABST (American) BEER, in barrels of 120 bottles. In view of the Arrival of the American Fleet in a few days, please order early, as our stock is limited.

SIEMSEN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1909. [1519]

## NEW YEAR GOODS

CARDS, CRACKERS, DOLLS, POSTAGE STAMPS, &c.

GRACA & CO.

12591 27, DES VOUX ROAD.

## PUBLIC COMPANY

THE CHINA LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above named Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., Victoria, Hongkong, THIS DAY (THURSDAY), the 30th day of December, 1909, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of considering and if thought fit passing the Subjoined Resolution, that is to say:—

That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered

1. By inserting therein immediately after paragraph 4 of Clause VIII. a new paragraph as follows:—

5. Whenever the Capital of the Company is divided into several Classes of Shares all or any of the rights and privileges attached to any Class may be modified altered sub-divided re-arranged or dealt with by Special Resolution of the Company passed pursuant to an Agreement in writing made between the Company and some member of the Class purporting to contract on behalf of the members of the Class provided such agreement shall be ratified by Extraordinary Resolution passed at a separate Meeting of the Class or by writing under the hand of the holders of at least two-thirds of the Shares of the Class and it shall be no objection to any such Agreement that it provides for a reduction of Capital otherwise than in accordance with the legal rights of the holders of shares of the Class or for the payment of a dividend or bonus otherwise than in accordance with the rights of the Holders of the shares of the Class or for the allotment of shares credited as fully or partly paid up in satisfaction or part satisfaction of such dividend or bonus and for the purposes of the Clause a Resolution shall be an Extraordinary Resolution when it has been passed by a majority or not less than two-thirds of such members of the Class entitled to vote as are present in person or by proxy at a separate General Meeting of the Class of which Notice specifying the intention to propose the Resolution has been duly given and so that the quorum of any such Meeting shall be three members at least of the Class and so that the Meeting shall be called in accordance with the provisions hereof.

2. By inserting immediately after paragraph 7 of Clause XVI. a new paragraph as follows:—

8. Any General Meeting declaring a Dividend may direct payment of such Dividend wholly or in part by the distribution of specific assets and in particular of paid up shares Debentures or Debenture stock of the Company or of any other Company or in any one or more of such ways and the General Managers shall give effect to such direction and where any difficulty arises in regard to the distribution they may settle the same as they think expedient and in particular may issue fractional Certificates and may fix the value for distribution of such specific assets or any part thereof and may determine that cash payments shall be made to any member upon the footing of the value so fixed in order to adjust the rights of all parties and may vest any such specific assets in Trustees upon such trusts for the persons entitled to the Dividend as may seem expedient to the General Managers. Where requisite a proper contract shall be filed in accordance with Section 7 of the Companies' Act, 1900, and the General Managers may appoint any person to sign such contract on behalf of the persons entitled to the Dividend and such appointment shall be effective.

Should the above Resolution be passed by the requisite majority it will be submitted for confirmation to a further Extraordinary General Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated the 30th day of December, 1909.

By Order, SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,

1553 General Managers.

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## INTIMATIONS

## NOTICE.

IN Terms of GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION No. 804 of 17th December, 1909, the following days will be observed as BANK HOLIDAYS:— SATURDAY, 1st January, MONDAY, 3rd Hongkong, 20th December, 1909. [1552]

FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

## NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

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By Order, A. R. LOWE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 21st December, 1909. [1554]

MARINE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.

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Hongkong, 23rd December, 1909. [1558]

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ENTRIES for the above should be sent, with Entrance fee of \$10, to the Hon. Secretary, HONGKONG HOCKEY CLUB, Central Police Station. Entries Close on January 8th, 1910.

T. H. KING, Hon. Secretary, H.K.H.C. Hongkong, 28th December, 1909. [1553]

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## AUCTIONS

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

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"RIO LIMA." Extreme Length 169 ft. 6 ins. Length on Water Line 150 ft. 3 ins. Extreme Breadth 27 ft. 7 ins. Displacement 635 tons. Draught Forward 10 ft. 0 in. Aft 11 ft. 2 ins.

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Hongkong, 20th December, 1909. [1548]

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THE Undersigned have received instructions from the Honorable The Director of Public Works, to Sell by Public Auction, On THURSDAY, the 6th January, 1910, at 11 A.M., at The Public Works Department Stores, Wanchai, Praya East, SUNDRY OLD AND CONDEMNED STORES, Comprising—

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Hongkong, 10th September, 1909. [1562]

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Hongkong, 12th January, 1907. [21]

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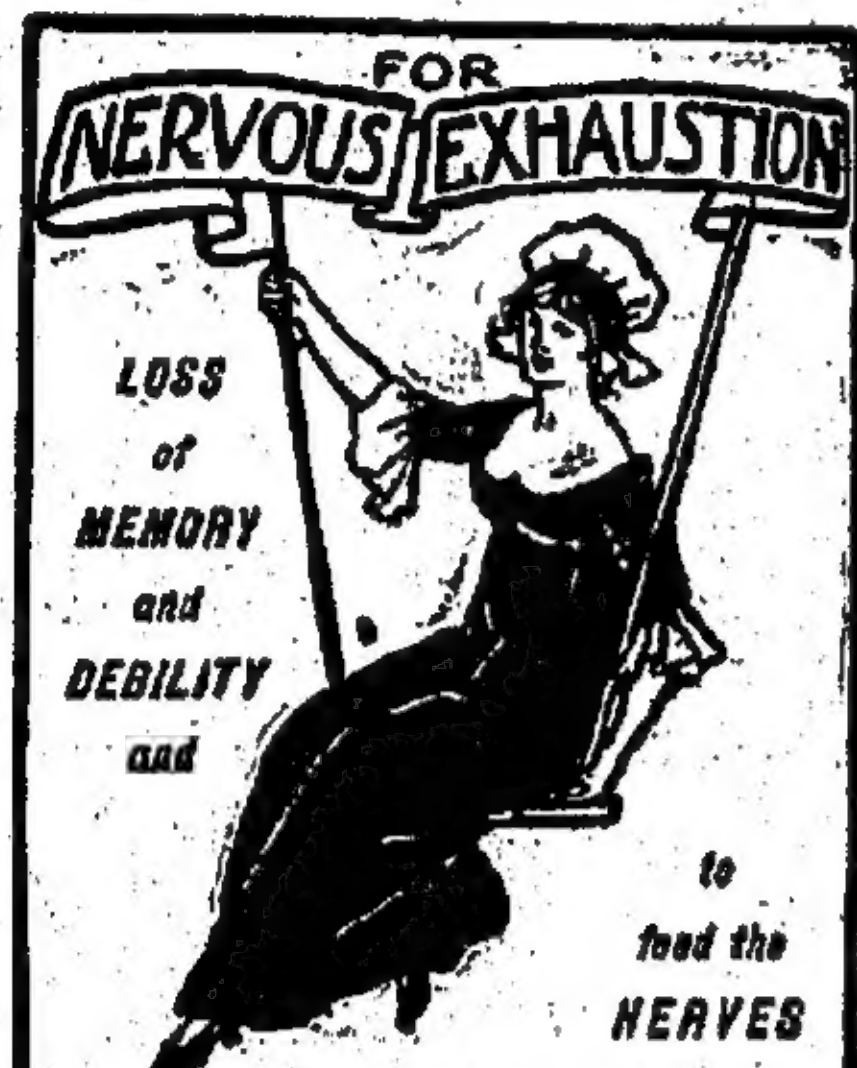
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## NAVAL POSITION IN SHIPS AND MEN.

(BY THE NAVAL CORRESPONDENT OF THE "DAILY TELEGRAPH.")

There are statistics—and statistics. They may be manipulated to prove or disprove almost anything. In the study of figures bearing on political or semi-political issues it is essential to remember that their value depends largely on the authority behind them, and the bias of the person who prepared them. Do they represent the truth or only a half-truth? For instance, it was recently stated that in the two years ending in December, Germany will have launched nine Dreadnought-cruisers, while in the same period only five vessels will have been put afloat for the British Empire. This is literally true, and yet on examination it points to the activity and virility of the British naval organisation, and not to the reverse, as might be supposed. Germany will have launched so many more vessels in the past two years because she could not launch them before. Her naval progress was retarded temporarily by the appearance of the first Dreadnought. She launched only two battleships in 1906, and did not launch a single one in 1907; this year was barren, and since then she has been attempting to overtake arrears. On the other hand, in the same two years, when two additions only were made to the German armoured fleet, England, owing to greater initiative and energy in construction, put into the sea no fewer than nine ships—the Lord Nelson, Agamemnon, Dreadnought, Superb, Temeraire, Agamemnon, Invincible, Indomitable, and Inflexible. All these vessels are in commission, and because they were completed so rapidly they do not figure in launching statistics for the past two years.

BRITISH LEAD IN DREADNOUGHTS.

In contrast with the half-truth, the whole truth is this: England has launched and completed for sea seven all-big-gun ships, and the Lord Nelson and Agamemnon, of 16,500 tons, half-sisters to the Dreadnoughts, while Germany has completed only two battleships of over 13,000 tons.

England has, in addition, launched, and is now completing, five more Dreadnought ships, three of which will join the Fleet before the end of the financial year; Germany has actually launched six corresponding ships, of which two will join the High Sea Fleet in the early summer.

England has also under construction, or on the eve of building, eight armoured vessels, while Germany has five, either on the stocks or about to be put on the stocks, of which one will be launched before the end of the year. At present England has twenty Dreadnought ships, built or building, to thirteen for Germany.

It may be very properly observed that even on this showing, while we have ten Dreadnoughts complete or nearly complete, and Germany only four, the latter country has under construction only one less than we have—and four of our ships will not be commenced until April next. It is not, however, the ships building, but the ships built, that govern relative naval power—in other words, the ships which are actually in the sea.

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repair ships, converted merchant vessels, or any other auxiliaries; vessels of less than 1,000 tons, except torpedo craft; torpedo craft of less than fifty tons.

Consequently these statistics refer only to the fighting fleet and to the modern fighting fleet, ships over twenty years old being excluded.

A CONTRAST OF TONNAGE.

Bearing in mind the British preponderance in Dreadnoughts, completed and completing, even any two Powers, the figures are not unimpressive. They show very clearly that in battleships, armoured cruisers, protected cruisers, and destroyers the British Navy is above the Two-Power Standard. Including Dreadnoughts we have now under the pennant fifty-six armoured vessels fit to be in the line, as compared with fifty-three belonging to Germany and the United States, and forty-three possessed by Germany and France—and the British ships are larger, swifter, and more powerful. The superiority of the British vessels is suggested—possibly somewhat exaggerated—by the aggregate tonnage of the battleships and battlecruisers of the several fleets, including those building, but excluding those authorised and not technically building, thus failing to take into account the four "contingent British ships, two American two German, and three Italian battleships, which have not actually been laid down—

	Ship	No.	Building (tons)	No.	Building (tons)
England	...	56	840,200	9	191,000
Germany	...	26	318,424	9	183,500
United States	...	27	366,146	4	83,650
France	...	17	215,270	6	108,180
Japan	...	13	186,498	4	76,000
Russia	...	5	62,600	8	150,600
Italy	...	10	122,600	1	18,000
Austria	...	3	31,800	3	43,500

The figures are interesting and misleading. They represent the tonnage of all the qualities incorporated in these vessels, and this tends to exaggerate the British preponderance. British battleships carry large reserves of coal and ammunition, and as a rule are swifter than foreign ships, and speed means more boilers and heavier engines. Under all circumstances these qualities would not necessarily be translatable into fighting power. In a battle off the Thames, for instance, the British ships might gain no advantage from their large radius of action, fire-endurance, or speed, and yet these represent some of the weight shown in the above statistics. These factors in naval design are essential, because England is a world Power and may have to send her main Fleet far away in search of the enemy. Consequently figures of aggregate tonnage, like those of ships building, to which reference has already been made, need to be employed with extreme caution, owing to their tendency to mislead. But, making due allowance for this weakness in such a statistical method, the comparison shows that the British Navy still holds the trident, and holds it firmly, and that when the four contingent battleships are laid down—active preparations are already well advanced—the immediate outlook will not be unfavourable, though the more distant outlook is extremely bleak.

The progress of Germany is not a thing which can be ignored. In the opening financial year her naval expenditure, apart from the outlay on the Kiel Canal of about a million sterling, will amount to nearly £22,000,000, and she will lay down four more large armoured ships, two second-class cruisers, twelve torpedo-boat destroyers, and about a dozen submarines. She is making a bold bid for commanding naval power. On the other side of the Atlantic, no less than in the United Kingdom, there is no doubt as to her rapid expansion. She is outstripping the American Navy. England still, however, holds her traditional position, but she holds it vis-à-vis to Germany and France, or Germany and the United States, instead of vis-à-vis to France and Russia, as in the past. She can maintain her standing, however, only by further determined effort in the coming year, when the keels of thirty more vessels for the German fleet will go down, in accordance with the immutable Naval Act.

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## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

ANNU, British str., 1,350, J. B. Harris, 29th Dec.—Shanghai 26th Dec., General—Butterfield & Swire.  
 BRANMAR, British str., 2,314, Saxby, 29th Dec.—Foonchow 27th Dec., General—Doddwell & Co.  
 DAIOI MARU, Japanese str., 864, H. Murayama, 29th Dec.—Swatow 28th Dec., Tea and General—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.  
 FAUSANO, British str., 1,410, H. S. Malkin, 29th Dec.—Foonchow 19th Dec., Sugar—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
 HAITAN, British str., 1,183, J. S. Bosch, 29th Dec.—Swatow 28th Dec., General—Doddwell & Co.  
 KAISERIN ELISABETH, Austrian man-of-war, 4,000, Oskar Hanser, 29th Dec.—Saigon.  
 KUMANG, British str., 2,078, E. J. Buller, 29th Dec.—Calcutta, Foonchow and Singapore 20th Dec., General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.  
 LAUREN, British str., 1,340, Frampton, 29th Dec.—Saigon 23rd Dec., General—Chinese.  
 NANSHAN, British str., 1,299, Allan Jones, 29th Dec.—Saigon 23rd Dec., Rice—Order.  
 SUZUYA, German str., 4,500, Kolste, 29th Dec.—Shanghai 26th Dec., General—Hamburg-Amerika Linie.  
 TINGANG, British str., 28th Dec.—Canton.

## CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOR MASTER'S OFFICE.  
 29th December.  
 Anhai, British str., for Canton.  
 Antiochus, British str., for Kolo.  
 Benlarig, British str., for Nagasaki.  
 Haidan, British str., for Swatow.  
 Merapi, Dutch str., for Amoy.  
 Pingsey, Brit. str., for Shanghai.  
 Shikoku Maru, Jap. str., for Moji.  
 Tingang, British str., for Shanghai.

## DEPARTURES.

29th December.  
 DENBIGHSHIRE, British str., for Singapore.  
 E. F. FEEDERAND, Australian str., for Singapore.  
 FRITHOF, Norwegian str., for Haiphong.  
 GORDON, German str., for Europe, & Haiphong.  
 HAITAN, British str., for Swatow.  
 J. DIEDERICHSEN, Ger. str., for Hoihow.  
 KIANG PING, Chinese str., for Chinkiang.  
 KWONGSANG, British str., for Canton.  
 M. JENSEN, German str., for Haiphong.  
 TAKARAKI MARU, Japanese str., for Singapore.  
 TOSAKI, Dutch str., for Batavia.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British str. *Nanshan* reports: Strong N.E. monsoon and sea.  
 The British str. *Anhai* reports: Light monsoon and fine weather.  
 The British str. *Kumang* reports: Strong N.E. monsoon with heavy seas.  
 The British str. *Laurens* reports: Strong monsoon and high sea off the Port, moderate monsoon and sea.

## VESSELS IN DOCK.

December 29th.  
 Kowloon Dock.—H.M.F.S. *Rainha Amelia*, *Hilary*, *Pio Lina*, *Zafiro*, *Robert Lehaudy*, *Heungshan*, *Hsia Kong*, *Ascania*.  
 COSMOPOLITAN DOCK.—*Pheumpeh*.

TAIKOO DOCK.—*Waku*, *Manchuria*, *Kuei-yang*, *Kueichow*, *Wenchow*, *Shuntien*, *Koschi-chang*.

## VESSELS PASSED ANJER.

Dec. 1, British 4m. by *Etliche*, White, from Hongkong for New York.  
 Dec. 4, British str. *Islander*, Deans, Dec. 2, from Christmas Island for Singapore.  
 Dec. 6, Dutch str. *Celebes*, Koops, from Amsterdam for Batavia.  
 Dec. 8, British by *Unvoti*, Hay, from Singapore for Mauritius.  
 Dec. 9, Norw. ship, *Patriarch*, Yohansen, from Port Natal for Anjer L.o. of Samarang.  
 Dec. 9, Dutch str. *Ophir*, de Boer, Dec. 9, from Batavia for Rotterdam.  
 Dec. 10, British str. *Franklyn*, Ooo, 12, from Philadelphia for Yokohama.  
 Dec. 11, Dutch str. *Kauai*, Eoon, Nov. 6, from Rotterdam for Batavia.  
 Dec. 11, Dutch str. *Van Heenskerk*, Arnold, from Europe for Batavia.  
 Dec. 12, Dutch str. *Tantulus*, Kondenburg, Nov. 6, from Liverpool for Batavia.  
 Dec. 12, Dutch str. *Van der Hagen*, from Europe for Batavia.

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1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier. 3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION.	VESSEL'S NAME.	FLAG & REG.	BERTH.	CAPTAIN.	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO.	TO BE DESPATCHED.
LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, &c.	PALAWAN	Brit. str.	—	C. R. Longdon, R.M.S.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	To-day, at 2 p.m.
LONDON, &c. via SINGAPORE & AMSTERDAM	DEIRI	Brit. str.	—	G. W. Gordon, R.M.S.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 8th Jan., at Noon.
LONDON & ANTWERP	CARDIGANSHIRE	Brit. str.	—	W. O. Lyons	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	About 19th Jan.
ROTTERDAM, HAMBURG & ANTWERP, &c.	DENBIGHSHIRE	Brit. str.	—	W. Barrett	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	Quick despatch.
HAYRE & HAMBURG via STRAITS, &c.	BRISGAVIA	Ger. str.	—	Schwinghammer	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 5th Jan.
COPENHAGEN & BALTIC PORTS	SENESAMBA	Ger. str.	—	Bekhorn	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 5th Jan.
MARSEILLES, &c. via PORTS OF CALL	SCANDIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	v. Dohren	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 15th Jan.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, &c.	POLYNESIAN	Frans. str.	—	Broo	MELCHERS & Co.	Middle of Feb.
MARSEILLES, HAVRE, COPENHAGEN, &c.	TANGO MARU	Jap. str.	—	A. Christiansen	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 4th Jan., at 1 p.m.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, &c.	CANTON	Dan. str.	—	F. L. Sommer	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 5th Jan., at D'light
MARSEILLES, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG, &c.	KAKO MARU	Jap. str.	—	Brahmar	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	About 25th Jan.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	SITONIA	Brit. str.	k. w.	B. Hayes	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 19th Jan., at D'light
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	PEMBROKESHIRE	Brit. str.	—	K. Sato	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 20th Jan.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP	AKI MARU	Jap. str.	—	Filler	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 2nd Feb., at D'light
MARSEILLES & HAMBURG, via STRAITS, &c.	BRASILIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	—	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 10th Feb.
NEW YORK	BRANMAR	Brit. str.	—	—	DODWELL & Co., Ltd.	To-day.
NEW YORK	WRAY CASTLE	Brit. str.	—	—	DODWELL & Co., Ltd.	On 4th Jan.
NEW YORK	VANDALIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Karberg	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 19th Jan.
VANCOUVER via SHANGHAI, JAPAN, &c.	EMPERESS OF JAPAN	Brit. str.	2 m.	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. Co.	On 1st Jan., at 7 a.m.
VANCOUVER, B.C., TACOMA & SEATTLE via JAPAN	SUVERIO	Brit. str.	—	J. Boyd	DODWELL & Co., Ltd.	On 13th Jan.
VANCOUVER via SHANGHAI, JAPAN, &c.	MONTAGLE	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	CANADIAN PACIFIC R. Co.	On 15th Feb., at Noon
SHANGHAI, B.C. & SEATTLE, &c.	NIKEO MARU	Jap. str.	—	M. Yagi	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 18th Jan.
VICTORIA, B.C. SEATTLE, &c.	NIKEO MARU	Jap. str.	—	T. Saito	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 21st Jan., at Noon.
TACOMA via JAPAN	SEATTLE MARU	Jap. str.	—	—	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 25th Feb., at Noon.
CALLAO, IQUIQUE, &c. via JAPAN PORTS, &c.	KIYO MARU	Jap. str.	—	D. Leaz	MELCHERS & Co.	To-morrow, at Daylight
AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA	PEINZ SIGISMUND	Ger. str.	—	G. V. Eidy	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 8th Jan., at 4 p.m.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA	CHANGSHA	Brit. str.	1 m.	T. Sekine	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 21st Jan., at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	—	M. Yagi	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 17th Feb., at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA	NIKEO MARU	Jap. str.	—	H. Raegener	MELCHERS & Co.	About 8th Jan.
YOKOHAMA AND KOBE	COBLENZ	Ger. str.	—	R. Takeda	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 8th Jan., at D'light
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	INABA MARU	Jap. str.	—	W. Thompson	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 14th Jan., at Noon.
YOKOHAMA, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	TAKU MARU	Jap. str.	—	M. Yagi	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 19th Jan., at Noon.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	NIKEO MARU	Jap. str.	—	Zwart	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINIE	To-morrow, at 4 p.m.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	TRIBODAS	Dut. str.	—	C. J. Bontas, R.M.S.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 1st Jan.
WEIHIWAEI, CHIEFOO & CHINWANTAO	CHONGSHING	Brit. str.	—	V. McClymont-Liddell	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 3rd Jan. p.m.
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	SEMATRA	Brit. str.	—	Martin	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	To-day, at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	NERA	Frans. str.	—	G. Meiners	MELCHERS & Co.	About 29th inst.
SHANGHAI	KINGING	Brit. str.	—	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-day, at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	DERFFLINGER	Ger. str.	1 m.	—	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 2nd Jan., at D'light
SHANGHAI	CHENAN	Brit. str.	—	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 2nd Jan., at D'light
SHANGHAI	ANNU	Brit. str.	1 m.	—	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 2nd Jan., at D'light
SHANGHAI	KWONGSANG	Brit. str.	1 m.	F. Wheeler	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 4th Jan.
SHANGHAI	YANSHU MARU	Jap. str.	—	Sandback	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 5th Jan., at D'light
SHANGHAI, MOJI & KOBE	TOZOH MARU	Jap. str.	—	R. Smith	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 6th Jan., at D'light
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	BRASILIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	Schwinghammer	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 6th Jan., at 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI via SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW	BUJUN MARU	Jap. str.	—	Y. Fuso	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 7th Jan.
SHANGHAI	LENAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	C. Lindbergh	HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE	On 9th Jan., at D'light
SHANGHAI	DEVANHA	Brit. str.	—	H. Powell	MELCHERS & Co.	On 15th Jan.
SHANGHAI	CHIHWA	Brit. str.	1 m.	Sachs	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 21st Jan., at Noon.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	SEGOVIA	Ger. str.	k. w.	—	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINIE	Quick despatch.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA & KOBE	INDIAN	Dan. str.	—	—	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 2nd Jan., at 8 a.m.
SHANGHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	FOONGANG	Brit. str.	—	—	DOUGLAS LAFRAIX & Co.	To-day, at 10 a.m.
SHANGHAI	TILLIWONG	Dut. str.	—	—	DOUGLAS LAFRAIX & Co.	On 2nd Jan., at 10 a.m.
ANPING via SWATOW & AMOY	SORU MARU	Jap. str.	1 m.	K. Sugi	DOUGLAS LAFRAIX & Co.	On 4th Jan., at 10 a.m.
TAMUI via SWATOW & AMOY	DAIGI MARU	Brit. str.	2 h.	H. Murayama	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	To-morrow, at 5 p.m.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW	HAITAN	Brit. str.	2 h.	J. S. Bosch	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 4th Jan., at 3 p.m.
SWATOW	HAIMUN	Brit. str.	2 h.	Evans	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 7th Jan., at 4 p.m.
SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHEW	HAIXANG	Brit. str.	2 h.	Hodgins	SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.	On 8th Jan., at Noon.
MANILA	RUBI	Brit. str.	—	R. W. Almon	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 11th Jan., at 3 p.m.
MANILA	YUENSANG	Brit. str.	—	P. H. Rolfe	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 11th Jan.
MANILA	TEAN	Brit. str.	1 m.	A. W. Outerbridge	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	To-morrow, at Noon.
MANILA	LOONGANG	Brit. str.	—	S. J. Payne	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 5th Jan., at Noon.
MANILA	ZAFIRO	Brit. str.	—	R. Rodger	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	Quick despatch.
MANILA	TAMING	Brit. str.	1 m.	Penfather	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	Quick despatch.
SANDAKAN	MAUSANG	Brit. str.	—	Weigall	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	Quick despatch.
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE & COLOMBO	TOKA MARU	Jap. str.	—	T. Nomura	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	Quick despatch.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CACUTTA	YAMANG	Brit. str.	—	M. B. Lake	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	Quick despatch.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CACUTTA	KUMANG	Brit. str.	—	E. J. Bull	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	Quick despatch.
BATAVIA, CHERIBON, SAMARANG, &c.	TUMAH	Dut. str.	—	Boumar	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINIE	Quick despatch.

## NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD. BREMEN. IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINES.

FOR	STREAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	"DERFFLINGER" Capt. G. MEINERS	About Wed. day, 29th December
MANILA, YAP, NEWGUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	"PRINZ SIGISMUND" Capt. D. LENZ	Friday, 31st Dec., at D'light
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	"COBLENZ" Capt. H. RAEGENER	About Saturday, 8th January.

For further Particulars, apply to

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD, MELCHERS & Co., GENERAL AGENTS HONGKONG & CHINA.  
 Hongkong, 20th December, 1909. [15]

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG FOR VANCOUVER, B.C., TACOMA & SEATTLE VIA MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

Steamer.	Tons.	Captain.	Sailing Date.
SUVERIO	6,232	S. Shotton	On 13th January, 1910.
OCEANO	4,657	F. W. Davies	On 10th February.
KUMERIC	6,232	J. Mathie	On 14th March.
AYMERIC	4,363	J. Boyd	On 7th April.

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 Hongkong, 8th December, 1909. [16]

## MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

## FRENCH MAIL LINES.

FORNIGHTLY SERVICE TO AND FROM EUROPE VIA SUEZ CANAL.  
 FORNIGHTLY SERVICE TO AND FROM JAPAN VIA SHANGHAI.

FOR	STREAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"NERA" Capt. Martin	On 3rd Jan., P.M.
MARSEILLES via PORTS	"POLYNESIAN" Capt. Broo	On 4th Jan., 1 P.M.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"TOURANE" Capt. Bourge	On 17th Jan., P.M.
MARSEILLES, via PORTS	"OCEANIE" Capt. Seller	On 18th Jan., 1 P.M.

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 Hongkong, 22nd December, 1909.

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From Hongkong.	From St. John, N.B.
"EMPRESS OF JAPAN" Sat., 1st Jan.	"ALLAN LINE" Friday, 28th Jan.
"EMPRESS OF CHINA" Sat., 29th Jan.	"EMPRESS OF IRELAND" Fri., 25th Feb.
"MONTEAGLE" Tuesday, 15th Feb.	
"EMPRESS OF INDIA" Sat., 26th Feb.	"EMPRESS OF IRELAND" Fri., 25th Mar.
"EMPRESS OF JAPAN" Sat., 26th Mar.	"EMPRESS OF IRELAND" Fri., 22nd Apr.
"EMPRESS OF CHINA" Sat., 23rd April	"EMPRESS OF IRELAND" Fri., 20th May

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For NEW YORK.  
 "BRANMAR" ... 30th Dec.  
 "WRAY CASTLE" ... 4th Jan.  
 For Freight and further information, apply to  
 DODWELL & Co., Ltd.,  
 Agents.  
 Hongkong, 28th December, 1909. [1495-1540]

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"DELHI,"  
 Captain G. W. Gordon, R.M.S., carrying His Majesty's Mails, will be despatched from this for Bombay, &c., on SATURDAY, the 8th January, 1910, at Noon, taking passengers and cargo for the above ports in connection with the Company's s.s. "MORRA," 11,000 tons, from Colombo, passengers accommodation in which vessel is secured before departure from Hongkong.  
 Silk and Valuables, all cargo for France and the West of London (under arrangement) will be transhipped at Colombo into the mail steamer proceeding direct to Marseilles and London, other cargo for London, &c., will be conveyed via Bombay by the R.M.S. "DELHI," due in London on the 19th February, 1910.  
 Parcels will be received at this Office until 4 p.m. the day before sailing. The contents and value of all packages are required.  
 For further particulars, apply to  
 E. A. HEWETT,  
 Superintendent.  
 Hongkong, 27th December, 1909. [1]

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS, LIMITED.

For LONDON, ROTTERDAM AND AMSTERDAM.

## THE Steamship

Captain W. O. Tyers, will be despatched as above about the 19th January.







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## POST OFFICE NOTICE

Only fully prepaid letters and postcards are transmissible by the SIBERIAN  
Route to EUROPE.

## NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS.

On Saturday, the 1st, and on Monday, the 3rd of January, 1910, the office will be open from  
8 till 9 a.m. In the event of the arrival of the French Mail from Europe on the 3rd January,  
the Post Office will open for one hour only for the delivery thereof.  
There will be one delivery and one collection of letters on Sunday, and the Money Order  
Office will be entirely closed on the above dates.

Postal Guides for the Year 1910, are now on sale ... 50 cents each.

The Siberian mail will in future be sent from Shanghai to Dalny via Chifoo if no steamer  
is available from Shanghai to Dalny direct.

The Derfflinger with the German Mail of the 1st inst., left Singapore on Saturday, the 25th  
inst., at 5 p.m., and may be expected here to-day.

The Nera, with the French mail of the 3rd December, left Singapore on Tuesday, the 28th  
inst., at 6 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 4th Jan., at a.m. This  
packet brings replied to letters despatched from Hongkong on the 30th October.

FOR	PER	DATE
Quang Chow Wan	Hoiching	Thursday, 30th, 9.00 A.M.
Satow, Amoy and Foochow	Haitan	Thursday, 30th, 9.00 A.M.
Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria, Tacoma, Vancouver and Seattle	Antiochia	Thursday, 30th, 11.00 A.M.
Amoy	Moropi	Thursday, 30th, 11.00 A.M.
Singapore, Penang and Colombo	Palawan	Thursday, 30th, 11.00 A.M.
Macao	Sai Tai	Thursday, 30th, 1.15 P.M.
Shanghai	Kingsing	Thursday, 30th, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Chenau	Thursday, 30th, 3.00 P.M.
Singapore	Dorwint	Thursday, 30th, 3.00 P.M.
Singapore	Suavia	Thursday, 30th, 3.00 P.M.
Manila	Suavia	Thursday, 30th, 4.00 P.M.
Hoihow	Amigo	Thursday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.
Manila, Yup, Friedrich Wilhelmshafen, Rabaul, Herbertshafen, Matapi, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Dunedin, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle	Prins Sigismund	Thursday, 30th, 5.00 P.M.
Falchoi	Mathilde	Friday, 31st, 9.00 A.M.
Quang Chow Wan, Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Hanoi	Friday, 31st, 10.00 P.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Nanisang	Friday, 31st, 10.00 A.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, HONOLULU AND SAN FRANCISCO	Manchuria	Friday, 31st, 10.00 A.M.
Macao	Sai Tai	Friday, 31st, 1.15 P.M.
Singapore	Braemar	Friday, 31st, 2.00 P.M.
Manila	Yuanfang	Friday, 31st, 3.00 P.M.
Wahaiwei, Chifoo and Chianwantao	Chongching	Friday, 31st, 3.00 P.M.
Manila	Zafiro	Friday, 31st, 4.00 P.M.

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## TO-DAY.

3 P.M.—Extraordinary General Meeting, China Light and Power Co., Ltd.  
3 P.M.—Auction of the late Gunboat "Rio Lima" by Messrs. Hughes & Hough.  
9 P.M.—Bandmann No. 1 Comedy Co. at Theatre Royal—"Facing the Music."

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Friday, 31st Dec.—Hongkong Dock Dance and a Dance given by Commodore & Mrs. Lyen on the Tamar.  
Saturday, 1st January—Fifth Annual Sports of Children's Races, Kowloon Cricket Club.  
Monday, 3rd Jan.—Bank Holiday.  
Thursday, 6th Jan.—Auction of Old and Condemned P. W. D. Stores, by Messrs. Hughes & Hough.  
Thursday, 10th Feb.—China New Year.  
Tuesday, 15th Feb.—Hongkong Jockey Club Races Begin.

## OPTUM.

Quotations are:—  
December 29th.  
Malwa New ... \$1,370/1,400 per picul.  
Malwa Old ... \$1,410/1,420 " "  
Malwa Older ... \$1,430/1,440 " "  
Malwa V. Old ... \$1,450/1,460 " "  
Persian fine quality ... \$1,100/1,200 " "  
Persian extra fine ... \$1,250/1,300 " "  
Patna New ... \$1,400 per chest.  
Patna Old ... \$1,425 " "  
Benares New ... \$1,452 " "  
Benares Old ... " "

## ON SALE.

BOUND VOLUMES of the HONGKONG  
WEEKLY PRESS, January to June  
1909. With Index. Price \$7.50.  
On sale at the "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS"  
Office.  
Hongkong, 9th August, 1909.

## COMMERCIAL.

## EXCHANGE

## CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

December 29th.

ON LONDON—	Telegraphic Transfer	1/94
	Bank Bills, on demand	1/94
	Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	1/94
	Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	1/94
	Credits, at 4 months' sight	1/94
	Documentary Bills 4 months' sight	1/94
ON PARIS—	Bank Bills, on demand	2264
	Credits, at 4 months' sight	2302
ON GERMANY—	On demand	184
ON NEW YORK	Bank Bills, on demand	434
	Credits, at 60 days' sight	45
ON BOMBAY—	Telegraphic Transfer	1334
	Bank, on demand	1334
ON CALCUTTA—	Telegraphic Transfer	1334
	Bank, on demand	1334
ON SHANGHAI—	Bank, at sight	75
	Private, 30 days' sight	75 1/2
ON YOKOHAMA—	On demand—Paseo	84
ON MANILA—	On demand—Paseo	84
ON SINGAPORE—	On demand	1084
ON BATAVIA—	On demand	1084
ON HATYONG—	On demand	84
ON SAIGON—	On demand	84
ON BANGKOK—	On demand	84
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate		\$11.10
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael		\$57.90
BAR SILVER, per oz.		244

## SUBSIDIARY COINS.

Chinese	20 cents pieces	\$7.85 discount.
Chinese	10	\$8.27
Hongkong	20	\$7.64
Hongkong	10	\$7.02

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## SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 29TH, 1909.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	CLOSING QUOTA- TIONS CASE.
<b>BANKS.—</b>				
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation	120,000	\$125	all	\$1,000, sales
National Bank of China, Limited	99,925	\$7	\$6	\$65, buyers
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	8,604	12/6	12/6	\$10, buyers
China Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	\$12	\$12	\$124, sellers
China Light and Power Company, Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$1, buyers
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$1	\$1	\$9.50, sellers
<b>COTTON MILLS.—</b>				
Ewo Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	20,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 135.
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	125,000	\$10	\$10	\$64.
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 75	Tls. 75	Tls. 73.
Loau-Kung-Mow C. Spin. & Weav. Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 110.
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Limited	2,000	Tls. 500	Tls. 500	Tls. 425.
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	40,000	\$74	\$6	\$164, sellers
<b>DOCKS AND WHARVES.—</b>				
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & G. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$50	all	\$61, sellers
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$50	all	\$54, sellers
New Amoy Dock Co., Limited	10,000	\$53	\$53	\$9, sellers
Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 76.
Shanghai and Hongkong Wharf Co., Ltd.	36,000	Tls. 100	Tls. 100	Tls. 129.
Kewick & Co., Limited	18,000	\$25	\$25	\$11, sellers
Green Island Cement Co., Limited	400,000	\$10	\$10	\$74.
Hongkong and China Gas Co., Limited	7,000	\$10	\$10	\$210, buyers
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	\$10	\$20, sellers
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	12,000	\$50	\$50	\$774, buyers
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	8,000	\$25	\$25	\$45, buyers
Hongkong Roo Manufacturing Co., Limited	5,000	\$25	all	\$180, sellers
INSURANCES.—				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$145.
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	\$20	\$118, sellers
China Traders Insurance Co., Limited	\$83.33	\$25	\$25	\$92, buyers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Limited	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$370, sellers
North-China Insurance Co., Limited	10,000	\$15	\$5	Tls. 1124.
Union Insurance Society, Limited	12,400	\$250	\$100	\$230.
Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited	12,000	\$100	\$50	\$230.
<b>LANDS AND BUILDINGS.—</b>				
Hongkong Land Invest. Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	\$100	\$102, sales
Humphreys Estate and Finance Co., Ltd.	150,000	\$10	\$50	\$44, sellers
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$50	\$50	\$34, sellers
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Limited	78,000	Tls. 50	Tls. 50	Tls. 120.
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	\$50	\$50	\$44, sellers
<b>MINING.—</b>				
Société Française des Charb. ges du Tonkin	16,000	Fcs. 250	all	\$625, buyers
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$1	10/10	\$63, sellers
Peak Tramway Co., Limited	25,000	\$10	all	\$154, sellers
Philippine Co., Limited	50,000	\$10	\$10	\$130, sellers
REFINERIES.—				
China Sugar Refining Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	all	\$157, buyers
Lazoo Sugar Refining Co., Limited	7,000	\$100	all	\$21, sellers
Robinson Piano Co., Limited	4,000	\$50	\$50	\$50, sellers
<b>STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.—</b>				
China and Manila Steamship Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$25	\$25	\$8, sellers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	\$50	\$50	\$30.
Hongkong, Canton & Macao S.B. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	\$15	\$32, buyers
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	60,000 pref.	\$5	all	\$424. b. / £5.10.
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Limited	2,000,000	\$1	\$1	\$67.9 buyers
Star Ferry Company, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$36, buyers
South China Morning Post, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$144, sellers
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	6,000	\$25	\$25	\$24, buyers
Stores and Dispensaries.—				
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	\$10	all	\$10.
Wm. Powell, Limited	15,000	\$7	\$7	\$3, sellers
Watkins, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	\$5, sellers
A. S. Watson & Co., Limited	90,000	\$10	\$10	\$74, sellers
Weissmann, Limited	3,000	\$10	\$10	\$10, buyers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	9,900 ordy.	\$10	\$10	\$124, sellers
Union Waterboat Co., Limited	100 iders	\$10	\$10	\$300.
<b>RUBBERS.—</b>				
Balgownie	—	—	—	\$80 (Sts.)
Begalla	—	—	—	\$22
Anglo-Malays	—	—	—	\$26
Castelfield, fully paid	—	—	—	15/6
Consolidated Malays	—	—	—	\$6-6-0, buyers
Damansara	—	—	—	\$4-0-0, buyers
Highlands and Lowlands	—	—	—	67/ buyers
Kamuning	—	—	—	32-prem.
Kuala Lumpur	—	—	—	105/- sal. & buy.
Ledbury's	—	—	—	50/-
Linggis	—	—	—	25/6 buyers
Sapong	—	—	—	22/6, buyers
Shefford	—	—	—	30/-
Sungei-pas Ka	—	—	—	71/- sellers
<b>Loans.</b>				
Chinese Imperial 1885	Amount.	Value.	Interest.	Quotations.
	Tls. 767,200	Tls. 250	7% p. annum	Par.

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## NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES

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THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

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FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND  
STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named  
vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are  
being landed and placed AT THEIR RISK in the  
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Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each  
consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark  
and delivery can be obtained as soon as the  
Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo—

From London, &c., ex s.s. "Mooltan" and

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From Australia, ex s.s. "Moldavia."

From Persian Gulf, ex B. I. S. N. and

B. & P. S. N. Co.'s Steamers.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless

instructions are given to the contrary within

6 hours.

Goods not cleared by the 30th inst., at 4 p.m.,

will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me

in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Go-

downs for examination by the Consignee's and

the Company's representative at an appointed

hour. All claims must be presented within ten

days of the steamer's arrival here, after which

date they cannot be recognised. No claim will

be admitted after the Goods have left the

Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT,

Superintendent.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1909. [1]

EAST ASIATIC COMPANY, LTD.

COPENHAGEN.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship

"SIAM."

having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby

informed that their Goods, with the exception

of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being

landed and stored at their risk into the haz-

ardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the

Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown

Company, Limited, Kowloon, and West Point

Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods

have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining

undelivered after the 31st inst. will be subject

to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to

be left in the Godowns, where they will be

examined on 31st inst., at 9.30 a.m.

All claims must reach us before the 4th Jan.,

or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the

undersigned.

MELCHERS & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, 24th December, 1909. [6]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVI

GATION COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM YOKOHAMA, KOBE AND

SHANGHAI.

THE Company's Steamship

"E. FRANZ FERDINAND"